

STUDY OF CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVOCATED

Municipal Research and Education Bureaus Want Inquiry by Outside Experts

SEE NEED OF CHANGE

Intimate That Financial and Administrative Systems Are Greatly Handicapped

A thorough study of the financial and administrative system of the public schools of Philadelphia is suggested in a letter received today by each member of the Board of Education from Frederick P. Gruenberg, Director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, and Bruce M. Watson, Secretary of the Bureau of Public Education and Child Welfare.

They suggest that two prominent educators from outside of the city be appointed by the board to make such an investigation in a fair and impartial manner. The suggestion follows intimations that the Philadelphia school system has been greatly handicapped by unduly close affiliation.

The letter says in part: "That the Board of Education select two or more men from outside the Philadelphia school system of recognized competence in the specific fields of school finance and school administration. To make a thorough study of the financial and administrative problems presented by the public school system of Philadelphia, with the following aims:

"First, to discover those features that are worthy of special emphasis and further extension;

"Second, to find out wherein and modification of the present practice may be made with reasonable assurance of improved service, financial saving, or both;

"Third, to report their findings to the Board of Education with such recommendations as their study of the facts would warrant."

The letter does not urge a general survey, but asks for a thorough view of the situation in a compact manner so as to obtain practical and specific recommendations.

The writers declare they are not interested in personal fortunes or individual gain, but merely seek to clear up the misunderstanding that exists and help the school system to secure the confidence of the public. Such an examination would result in better returns for the money and time expended, it declares.

Edwin Wolf, president of the Board of Education, said that he appreciated the spirit in which this suggestion was made, but declared: "We do not need them. Mr. Powers is well versed in business matters and our accounts are thoroughly audited. An investigation is now being carried on by me to determine what reforms can be instituted. If we need the help of these bureaus we will gladly call upon them."

MOTHERS VIEW RESCUE OF CHILDREN AT FIRE

Neighbor Carries Two Little Ones From Burning Room, Their Clothes Ablaze

Mothers standing near the windows of their homes in the vicinity of Third and Bainbridge streets today saw two children rescued from a flaming room at 710 South Third street. The rescue was effected by a neighbor. As the rescue brought the youngsters safely to the street he was cheered by the mothers.

Edith Ponkowitz, three years old, and her mother, Mrs. Ponkowitz, one year old, alone in the kitchen of their home by their mother when she went out to do some marketing, played with a box of matches. The dresses of the children ignited, the flames communicating to other articles in the room. The children's cries were heard by Louis Cohen, of 708 South Third street. He rushed to the Ponkowitz home and rescued the children, after beating out the flames that were consuming their clothing.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Old Man Accidentally Turns Loose Valve on Range

John Witt, seventy-eight years old, 2231 West Huntingdon street, was accidentally overcome by illuminating gas early today. He is in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital, where physicians say he has a slight chance of recovery. According to the police, Witt, who is very feeble, rose about 5 o'clock and went to the kitchen to obtain a glass of water. In the dark he brushed against the gas range and unknowingly turned on a loose valve. His sense of smell impaired, he did not notice the leak, and remained in the room until overcome by the fumes. He was found unconscious by his wife two hours later.

PROBATE CUNNINGHAM WILL

Property Valued at \$61,000 Is Divided Among Eight Heirs

Wills probated today include those of James A. Cunningham, former head of the Cunningham Paving and Construction Company, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at \$61,000. Others are Mary A. Horrocks, Atlanta, Ga., \$20,000; Joseph Welmer, 444 West Norris street, \$16,500; Catherine J. Nevin, 1742 North Twenty-second street, \$9,000; Patrick Bonner, 1938 Jefferson street, \$6,100; William C. Fahy, 2427 Wharton street, \$6,000; Nellie M. Bunting, 2801 North Nineteenth street, \$5,000; Joseph Glass, 2517 West Lehigh street, \$2,900, and Jeanette Keys, 620 North Sixty-third street, \$2,400.

HUGHES TO VISIT WILSON

President Invites Former Rival to Call at White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Wilson late this afternoon will welcome to the White House his opponent at the last presidential election, former Justice Charles Evans Hughes. Mr. Hughes came to Washington to argue a case before the Supreme Court, and when his presence became known—it is his first visit here since the campaign—he was promptly invited to call upon his former antagonist.

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PORTER R. LEE HEADS PHILANTHROPIC SCHOOL

Former Philadelphia Man Made Director of Big New York Institution

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Porter R. Lee, formerly general secretary of the Philadelphia Society for Organizing Charity, has been appointed director of the New York School of Philanthropy, according to an announcement by trustees of the school. Mr. Lee succeeds Edward T. Davine, who is in France as chief of the Bureau of Refugees and Ecome Relief of the American Red Cross.

The New York School of Philanthropy is the oldest educational institution for training of social workers in the United States. It has an endowment of more than \$1,000,000.

COAST GUARDS SEARCH FOR TUG AND 3 BARGES

Missing Vessels Have Twenty Men on Board—May Be Storm Victim

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10. Government guards on the Jersey coast, after twenty-four hours of fruitless seeking for an ocean-going tug and three barges with twenty men on board, reported missing yesterday by New York underwriters, this morning carried the search across Delaware Bay and down the coast to the Virginias.

Coast guards there were asked to make every possible effort to locate the big tug and its tow of three masted barges, under the assumption that the flotilla may have been driven many miles out of its course by the hurricane which sank the tug Eugene F. Moran with Captain Fred Reilly and his crew of eleven men off Atlantic City on Saturday afternoon.

The missing vessels are owned by the Cahill Towing Company, of New York. Like the ill-fated Moran, the Cahill and its tow also were en route from New York to Philadelphia.

Four storm-bound barges attached to a big tug still were at anchor this morning off Little Egg Harbor Shoals, where they were discovered yesterday by the Government coast watchers when the storm lifted. No signals have been shown to indicate that barges or tow are in need of help, but the guard crews at Harnegat and Little Beach are in harness, with their boats ready to launch in the event that a call comes.

The bodies of the seven members of the Moran's crew which have not yet been recovered are believed to be imprisoned in the steel hull of the tug. They probably died like rats in the engine room when the tug plunged, nose down, two miles off Atlantic City.

EPISCOPAL MINISTER URGES REVISED CANONS

Rev. Dr. Hartshorne Tells Clerical Brotherhood Richmond Trial Proved Necessity of Change

"Canons that Flare Back" was the subject of the discussion led by the Rev. P. C. Hartshorne, of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, Pa., at the weekly meeting of the Clerical Brotherhood of Protestant Episcopal ministers this morning at the Church House, Twelfth and Walnut streets. The particular canon, according to Dr. Hartshorne's criticism, that flared back was the canon that referred to the trial of clergymen. The recent trial of Dr. George Chalmers Richmond developed a number of "flare-backs," Dr. Hartshorne pointed out, and it is to correct the possibility of those recurring in this diocese, should occasion ever arise again, that the clergymen are spending considerable time and thought on this revision. Greater privacy in the proceedings is one recommendation of Dr. Hartshorne.

A committee, of which Doctor Hartshorne is a member, is working on plans to revise this canon, and will report at the next diocesan convention. All the ministers present were loud in their approval of the need for revision, but as to what form the trial should take place there is some difference of opinion.

The present form closely resembles the procedure of the civil courts, and trial is conducted before a judge and jury. Doctor Hartshorne advocates trial before a commission. Some of the ministers favor trial before the diocesan convention.

FINED \$100 FOR A DEATH

Chaufeur in Fatal Automobile Crash Pleads Guilty to Assault

Isadore Albaum, of 312 North Eighth street, pleaded guilty in the Gloucester, N. J., county court at Woodbury today to a charge of assault and battery and was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Frank Davis. The charge grew out of a fatal automobile accident last July, in which Herman Richelson, a Philadelphia, riding in a car driven by Albaum, was thrown from the car as a result of a collision and suffered a fractured skull from which he died. Albaum was indicted on a charge of manslaughter, but was permitted to plead guilty to assault.

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JERSEY SHORE SWEEP BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Two Blocks in Business District in Ruins—Many Families Homeless

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 10. Two churches and parsonages, and a few tottering walls covered with ice, and streets strewn with brick, stone and debris are all that remain today of two blocks in the heart of the business district of Jersey shore that was swept by fire yesterday, resulting in a loss of more than \$400,000.

Thirty-five families are homeless and ten business establishments were burned. Today homeless people are being cared for in homes that escaped the sweep of flames. Few of them saved anything except what they had on when they were driven from their beds in zero weather at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Some were brought to the homes of relatives or friends in Williamsport. Heroes of the conflagration are Lieutenant Fred Johnson, who left today for an army camp, and Harry Geist. It was due to their efforts that the flames were prevented from sweeping to another block of business houses. Lying on the roof of a building across Smith street on Main, Johnson for five hours kept a stream of water from a garden hose pouring down one side of the structure, while Geist on the sidewalk played a stream on the lower part of the building.

It was due to their work that the flames were confined to the blocks between Smith and Thompson streets. Both men stuck to their posts despite the bitter cold. Several times they were nearly overcome that it was necessary for others to rub their stiffened limbs to enable them to continue at their work.

ORGANIZE THE GIRLS FOR MISS LONELY'S RELIEF

Plea Made by Miss Porterfield at National Suffrage Party Long Table Luncheon

"Organize the girls! Help and entertain the men all you can. It will amount to nothing if meantime the unorganized girl in industry is left eating out her heart in loneliness. Oh, letters that come to me giving her side of the war picture. If you could see them!" Such was the plea for the all-alone girl made today by Miss Helen H. Porterfield, special war worker for the Foodstuffs commission at the long table luncheon of the National Suffrage party, 1221 Chestnut street.

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MEANS STILL DEFIANT UNDER STATE'S GRILL

Efforts to Break Down Testimony Modified Under Court's Rulings

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 10. Gaston B. Means today began the fourth day of grilling examination which will lead to his conviction or acquittal on the charge of murdering Mrs. Maude A. King, Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, of New York, the cross-examiner, was in fine form and the defendant was more defiant than ever.

When the crossfire of questions opened the defendant found himself explaining the tragedy which led to the death of Mrs. King. Dooling is determined to break the defendant down, but he is hampered by the court procedure of the State, as interpreted by Judge E. B. Cline, which prohibits harsh questioning of the defendant. There has been considerable argument between Dooling and Solicitor Clement. Warnings of panic have gone to Clement and he has asked Dooling to apply the "soft pedal" and avoid possible trouble. Dooling is disposed to go after the defendant and take any consequences.

Prospects of a trial were not as foreboding this morning. M. M. Lipe, juror No. 3, who was seriously ill on Saturday, is reported much better and it is expected he will be able to maintain his seat to the end.

Tensity of the situation has even made its way into the local newspaper.

APPOINT EXPLOSIVES LICENSERS

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 10.—James A. Gorman, secretary of the Anthracite Consolidation Board, and John Davis, burgess of Fredland, received notification of their appointment as explosive licensers for the Lehigh coal field under the Federal act which recently became operative. Hereafter explosives can be secured only by permit.

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